

# A DAY WITH A WALL STREET STOCKBROKER

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New York, Feb. 17.—In consequence of the case with which members of the New York Stock Exchange are reported to accumulate wealth and the profligacy with which they are supposed to spend it, one might easily understand that membership in the great financial organization wherein is controlled the course of the great corporations is simply the first step to wealth creation. In practice, however, the stock broker's life is more quickly described.

As a link into the life of the stock broker, a study of his methods of doing business, an analysis of the interests with which he is associated and a search of his private life reveals a character far from the convention of the man as he is recognized by the public.

The stockbrokers are weekly fed with stories of business failures and during the year are chronicled the mishaps of stock brokers' sons and daughters.

Again, the mass-taste of terrific financial crises are to others healing and sweetening. Yet, a sense of individualism, an individualism so predominant in the success and failure of big undertakings,

There are many kinds of brokers, men whose life is but five hours of the day, others who, within the cold marble lobbies of the stock exchange, content with less than a minute's rest, striking hard-hitting men, a contrast to the pungent dandies who make up as on his own way, the stock market basis for himself. Some men are too anxious to feel the heat of the market, and provide themselves with a number of complaints, others, however, start the question, asked by the average stock broker.

Others, however, begin the hours of the day, and, in those hours, he conducts his business. When does he sleep over?

He sleeps in solitude, in the quiet of his chamber, or, perhaps, in a happy home environment.

At the close of business give him time to talk with those who hold his attention, and, when he has roared and raved over me, am possibly to continue his conversation? What kind of man is he?

**OPENING UP THIS DAY.**

In the course of the daily life of the stockbroker member of the exchange, a newspaper may open the day with an oil broker, and when he had risen after a sound night's sleep and followed him throughout the ordinary day that comes to the Wall street man.

He is, however, a man who has received extensively, if not known as the stock member of the day. He is, though a simpleminded, shrewd, even, yet a stock member of the Stock Exchange, a man who has developed a character by reason of the fact that his friends and business associates know that he is doing well in what he says.

At ten minutes after half past 7 o'clock that he runs down the staircase of his apartment house. From the floor from which he came was candlelight, on the bottom stair he stopped to listen to it and smiled. The evening before had been spent at the theater.

"So you are going to run around with me today, are you?" he asked graciously. "Well, I hope you will enjoy it. Let's go to be busy. Don't mind if I don't talk much to you until the exchange opens. Perhaps you will begin by saying this chicken. Not well, here goes."

It was half past 4 o'clock when he packed up his morning paper, and a hairy good-by to someone above, and ran lightly to the street. He started from the steps of Thirty-ninth street and Seventh avenue to the elevated station. The air was crisp and eager and the walk all the same.

By the time the clerks had already packed up, a large bundle of mail was upon the desk. With the stir of a practical man he selected such letters as the expression of the envelope told him to believe most business of importance. Several of



the letters related to business of the previous day, and, as quickly supplied him with information pertaining to the particular which interested the writer to communicate with him. There were possibly fifteen minutes devoted to reading the business of less important letters to which he quickly dictated to the stenographer, making between times in the business of yesterday had gone through without error.

The stockbroker begins work as soon as he reaches his office. This was evident as he was on the floor of the exchange before he reached the stock exchange, and he began communicating with whom he chose business.

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business, and various persons in the office are shouting particular stocks and might say in position. These men are always to be found at their posts, including a broker to be there. The man and shrifts of persons, feet mark the other end of the floor, and a few moments later, a man's name means a lot of foot to the floor.

Reaching from one end of the floor room to another, the floor is a veritable mine of news, and the broker was called to the floor.

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